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SUBJ: FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS IN FAVOR OF THESES

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1. LOCAL PRESS, WHICH IS CARRYING DAILY FULL-PAGE
SUPPORTING ANALYSIS OF THE SEVEN "THESES" (REFAIR) PRE-
PARED FOR THE FORTHCOMING THIRD FRELIMO CONGRESS, GAVE
ANTICIPATED FRONTPAGE COVERAGE TO AN ADDRESS BY FRELIMO
VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS IN BEIRA ON JANUARY
8 TO THE SOFALA PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

2. DOS SANTOS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE THESES WITH HIS OWN
STRIDENT MARXIST-LENINIST RHETORIC. MAJOR POINTS INCLUDED:
"IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SOCIETY IN OUR COUNTRY, AND TO
ADVANCE THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR TASKS, WE NEED AN INSTRUMENT
GUIDED BY THE SCIENTIFIC IDEOLOGY OF THE PROLETARIAT... WE
CONQUERED THE COLONIALISTS AND GAINED POLITICAL POWER, AND
NOW WE WILL CONQUER THE CAPITALISTS AND MAKE THE RE-
VOLUTION... WE MUST ANNIHILATE CAPITALISM AND CREATE A RE-
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VOLUTIONARY SOCIETY... TO ASSUME AND DEVELOP A SCIENTIFIC
IDEOLOGY OF THE PROLETARIAT IS TO BE DEVELOPING THE
CLASS STRUGGLE, THE MOST SECURE FORM OF WHICH IS TO FORM THE
DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT... WE ARE NOW LAUNCHING
AN OFFENSIVE TO LIQUIDATE CAPITALISM IN OUR COUNTRY. IN
THAT MANNER WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE BURYING OF CAPITALISM
IN THE WORLD."

3. COMMENT: WHAT DOS SANTOS, ONE OF FRELIMO'S MOST RADICAL, MOSCOW-ORIENTED IDEOLOGUES, SAID IS NOT NEW FOR HIM. WHAT IS NEW IS THAT WHAT HE IS SAYING IS REFLECTED IN THE SEVEN THESES AND THAT SPEECHES LIKE HIS ARE BEING REPEATED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY BY GOVERNORS AND OTHER SENIOR PARTY OFFICIALS. WE BELIEVE DOS SANTOS PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF IDEOLOGICAL UN-
DERPINNING AND RHETORIC FOR THE THESES, ALONG WITH THE OTHER MOSCOW-ORIENTED IDEOLOGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY.
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